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Westminster, October 11.

THIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Sanderson Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers: The Commons being come thither accordingly, and having presented the Right Honourable Spencer Compton, Esq; for their Speaker, whom His Majesty approved, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I AM concerned to find my Self obliged, at the Opening of this Parliament, to acquaint you, that a dangerous Conspiracy has been for some Time formed, and is still carrying on, against my Person and Government, in Favour of the Popish Pretender.

The Discoveries I have made here, the Informations I have received from my Ministers Abroad, and the Intelligences I have had from the Powers in Alliance with me, and indeed from most Parts of Europe, have given me most ample and concurrent Proofs of this wicked Design.

The Conspirators have by their Emissaries made the strongest Instances for Assistance from Foreign Powers, but were disappointed in their Expectations: However, confiding in their Numbers, and not discouraged by their former ill Success, they resolved once more, upon their own Strength, to attempt the Subversion of my Government.

To this End they provided considerable Sums of Money, engaged great Numbers of Officers from Abroad, secured large Quantities of Arms and Ammunition, and thought themselves in such Readiness, that had not the Conspiracy been timely discovered, we should, without doubt, before now, have seen the whole Nation, and particularly the City of London, involved in Blood and Confusion.

The Care I have taken has, by the Blessing of God, hitherto prevented the Execution of their Traiterous Projects; the Troops have been encamped all this Summer; six Regiments (though very necessary for the Security of that Kingdom) have been brought over from Ireland; the States General have given me Assurances, that they would keep a considerable Body of Forces in a Readiness to imbark on the first Notice of their being wanted here, which was all I desired of them, being determined not to put my People to any more Expence, than what was absolutely necessary for their Peace and Security.

Some of the Conspirators have been taken up and secured; and Endeavours are used for the Apprehending others.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Having thus in general laid before you the State of the present Conspiracy, I must leave to your Consideration what is proper and necessary to be done for the Quiet and Safety of the Kingdom. I cannot but believe the Hopes and Expectations of our Enemies are very ill grounded, in flattering themselves, that the late Discontents, occasioned by private Losses and Misfortunes, however industriously and maliciously fomented, are turned into Disaffection and a Spirit of Rebellion.

Had I, since my Accession to the Throne, ever attempted any Innovation in our Established Religion; Had I in any one Instance invaded the Liberty

Liberty or Property of my Subjects, I ſhould leſs wonder at any Endeavours to alienate the Affections of my People and draw them into Meaſures, that can end in nothing but their own Deſtruction.

But to hope to perſwade a Free People, in full Enjoyment of all that is dear and valuable to them, to exchange Freedom for Slavery, the Proteſtant Religion for Popery, and to ſacrifice at once the Price of ſo much Blood and Treaſure as have been ſpent in Defence of our preſent Eſtabliſhment, ſeems an Infatuation not to be accounted for. But however vain and unſucceſsful theſe deſperate Projects may prove in the End, they have at preſent ſo far the deſired Effect, as to create Uneaſineſs and Diffidence in the Minds of my People; which our Enemies labour to improve to their own Advantage. By forming Plots they depreciate all Property that is veſted in the publick Funds, and then complain of the low State of Credit: They make an Increaſe of the National Expences neceſſary, and then clamour at the Burthen of Taxes, and endeavour to impute to my Government, as Grievances, the Miſchiefs and Calamities which they alone create and occaſion.

I wiſh for nothing more, than to ſee the publick Expences leſſened, and the great National Debt put in a Method of being gradually reduced and diſcharged, with a ſtrict Regard to Parliamentary Faith: And a more favourable Opportunity could never have been hoped for, than the State of profound Peace, which we now enjoy with all our Neighbours. But publick Credit will always languiſh under daily Alarms and Apprehenſions of publick Danger: And as the Enemies of our Peace have been able to bring this immediate Miſchief upon us, nothing can prevent them from continuing to ſubject the Nation to new and conſtant Difficulties and Diſtreſſes, but the Wiſdom, Zeal, and vigorous Reſolutions of this Parliament.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I have ordered the Accounts to be made up, and laid before you, of the extraordinary Charge that has been incurred this Summer, for the Defence and Safety of the Kingdom; and I have been particularly Careful, not to direct any Expence to be made greater, or ſooner, than was of abſolute Neceſſity.

I have likewiſe ordered Eſtimates to be prepared, and laid before you, for the Service of the Year enſuing; and I hope the further Proviſions, which the treaſonable Practices of our Enemies have made neceſſary for our common Safety, may be ordered with ſuch Frugality, as very little to exceed the Supplies of the laſt Year.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I need not tell you of what infinite Concern it is to the Peace and Tranquility of the Kingdom, that this Parliament ſhould upon this Occaſion exert themſelves with a more than ordinary Zeal and Vigour. An entire Union among all that ſincerely wiſh well to the preſent Eſtabliſhment, is now become abſolutely neceſſary. Our Enemies have too long taken Advantage from your Differences and Diſſentions. Let it be known that the Spirit of Popery, which breaths nothing but Confuſion to the Civil and Religious Rights of a Proteſtant Church and Kingdom, however abandoned ſome few may be, in Deſpite of all Obligations Divine and Human, has not ſo far poſſeſſed my People, as to make them Ripe for ſuch a Fatal Change. Let the World ſee that the general Diſpoſition of the Nation is no Invitation to foreign Powers to invade us, nor Encouragement to domeſtick Enemies to kindle a Civil War in the Bowels of the Kingdom. Your own Intereſt and Welfare call upon you to defend yourſelves. I ſhall wholly rely upon the divine Protection, the Support of my Parliament, and the Affections of my People, which I ſhall endeavour to preſerve by ſteadily adhering to the Conſtitution in Church and State, and continuing to make the Laws of the Realm the Rule and Meaſure of all my Actions.

St. James's, October 10.

His Majeſty having determined to hold a Chapter of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, the Knights Companions reſident in and near London, were ſummoned by Vertue of Letters from the Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of Salisbury, Chancellour of the Order, ſignifying the Sovereign's Pleaſure for their perſonal Appearance here this Day at One a-Clock; whereupon nine Knights Companions habited in their Mantles, together with the Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of Winchester Prelate, the Chancellour, Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod, Officers of the ſaid Order, wearing their different Badges and reſpective Mantles, waited His Majeſty's coming in the Apartment next to His Cloſet: And upon His Majeſty's Appearance robed in the Mantle of the Order, Garter by the Sovereign's Command called over the Names of the Knights Companions beginning with the Juniors, and then the Proceſſion to the Council Chamber was in the following Order, wherein the Juniors went firſt, and thoſe Knights, whoſe Companions were not preſent, went ſingle, viz.

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On the Left	On the Right
Earl of Lincoln,	Duke of Grafton.
Duke of Kingſton.	
Duke of Newcaſtle.	
Duke of Montague.	
Duke of Dorſet,	
Duke of Kent,	Duke of Argyll and Greenwich.
Duke of Richmond.	

Garter King of Arms, having the Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod on his Left Hand.

The Chancellour of the Order with the Prelate on his Right Hand.

The SOVEREIGN.

Having thus entred the Chapter Room, being the Council Chamber, the Knights ſtood behind their ſeveral Chairs, placed according to the Situation of their Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Windſor, till the Sovereign had ſeated himſelf in a Chair of State at the Head of the Table, when the Knights Companions ſeated themſelves by His Majeſty's Leave, the Prelate ſtanding behind the Chair at His Majeſty's Right Hand and the Chancellour at His Left, Garter King of Arms having the Black Rod on his Left Hand at the lower End of the Table. The Chancellour, by the Sovereign's Command, declared His Majeſty's Intention that the Vacancies occaſioned by the Deaths of the late Dukes of Marlborough and Bolton, and of the Earl of Sunderland, ſhould be ſupplied by the Elections of three new Knights Companions: And then the Chancellour declared His Majeſty's Pleaſure that they ſhould proceed to fill one of the Vacancies: The Statutes of the Order prohibiting the Election of any Perſon who hath not actually received the Honour of Knighthood, the Sovereign commanded Garter to bring in Charles Duke of Bolton, who being introduced between Garter and the Black Rod, kneeled down before His Majeſty and was Knighted with the Sword of State, and then retired out of the Room. Immediately afterwards each Knight Companion having wrote down the Names of nine Perſons whom they eſteemed qualified to be elected, that is, three Earls or of higher Degree, three Barons, and three Knights, to which they ſeverally ſet their Hands; and the Chancellour having collected their Scrutinies, beginning with the youngeſt Knight, and ſo proceeding in order, preſented the ſame on his Knee to the Sovereign, who upon Peruſal thereof commanded the Chancellour to declare the ſaid Duke of Bolton duly elected: Upon which Garter, accompanied with the Black Rod, was ſent to introduce him to the Sovereign to be inveſted; and having brought him to the Door of the Chapter-Room, at the Entrance he was received by the Earl of Lincoln and the Duke of Grafton the two youngeſt Knights and conducted between them up to the Sovereign, with the uſual Reverences, Garter King of Arms carrying before them on a Cuſhion the Garter (the Enſign of the Order) and a gold George in a blue Ribbond, having the Black Rod on his Left Hand; and theſe Junior Knights returning to their Seats, Garter King of Arms on his Knee preſented to the Sovereign the Garter; who delivered the ſame to the Dukes of Argyll and Richmond the two Senior Knights preſent, and they buckled it about his Left Leg, while the Chancellour read the Admonition enjoined by the Statutes; and then Garter likewiſe on his Knee preſented to the Sovereign the blue Ribbond with the gold George, and His Majeſty aſſiſted by the ſaid two Senior Knights put it over his Left Shoulder athwart under his Right Arm, who was then kneeling, the Chancellour at that time reading the uſual Admonition; and then the ſaid Duke of Bolton having kiſſed the Sovereign's Hand, and thanked His Majeſty for the great Honour done him, roſe up, ſaluted ſeverally all the Companions who congratulated him, and then he withdrew.

The Chancellour then declared the Sovereign's further Pleaſure of filling another Vacancy, and Garter was commanded to bring in John Duke of Rutland, in Order to receive the Degree of Knighthood, and the Suffrages being collected in the Manner above deſcribed, he was inveſted with the Enſigns of the Order as the former new Knight elect had been.

The like Ceremonies were in every Particular obſerved, in ſupplying the third Vacancy at the Sovereign's Command, by the Election of John Duke of Roxburghe.

Which done, the Knights Companions being again called over by Garter, they returned in the ſame Order to the Apartment next to His Majeſty's Cloſet.

Whitehall, Oct. 12. An humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Jurats and Common-Council of the King's Town and Pariſh of Maidſtone in the County of Kent, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Sir Thomas Colepepyr, Bart. one of their Repreſentatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Townſhend one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Gretnock,

Greenock, Oct. 1. Upon His Majesty's Orders transmitted by the Commissioners of the Customs to this as well as to other Ports, for securing the St. Peter, a French Vessel, taken pyratically by Philip Roche and others, who murthered the Master Pierre Tartoué and all her Crew, a small Brigantine now in this Harbour answering in her Make and Cargo the Description given in the Advices sent with those Orders, the Custom House Officer here procured a Warrant from a Justice of Peace, and this Day seized her with five Men on board. The Vessel proving to be the same so taken pyratically by Roche and his Accomplices, is secured for the Use of the Owners, and the five Men are sent Prisoners to Glasgow.

St. James's, Oct. 11. Yesterday His Majesty was pleased to stand Godfather in Person at the Countess of Sunderland's at the Christening of her Son born since the Death of the late Earl her Husband, and named him George: The other Godfather being the Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland, and her Grace the Dutchess of Monmouth Godmother.

October 12.

This Day the Convocation of the Clergy of the Province of Canterbury met at St. Paul's Chapter-House, whence proceeding to the Cathedral, divine Service was performed, and then a Sermon was preached by the Reverend Dr. Francis Hare Dean of Worcester. Afterwards the Lower House chose the Reverend Dr. George Stanhope Dean of Canterbury to be their Prolocutor, and are to present him at Westminster the 26th Instant.

Whitehall, April 16, 1722.

This is to signify in His Majesty's Name, that if any Person or Persons shall hereafter apprehend any one or more Highwaymen, who from and after the Date hereof shall have robbed any of the Mails, or shall have been concerned as Accomplices in the robbing of any of them, such Person or Persons shall have a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds for each Offender, who shall be convicted thereof, to be paid by the Receiver General of the Post-Office, over and above the Reward directed by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or if any Person hereafter concerned in robbing any of the Mails shall make a Discovery of the same, so that his Accomplice or Accomplices shall be convicted thereof, such Person shall have His Majesty's most gracious Pardon, and also receive the Reward of Two Hundred Pounds for each Offender so convicted, to be paid as aforesaid.

CARTERET.

Trustees-Office near the Exchequer, Oct. 5, 1722.

The late Trustees for Circulating Exchequer Bills, being making up their Accounts for that Service, and finding that several of the Exchequer Bills bearing Date the 7th of June 1720, are not brought in to be paid and cancelled, according to the publick Notices that have many times been given in that behalf, notwithstanding the Interest of them determined the 25th of March last, do hereby desire that the Persons possessed of the said Bills, will speedily bring them to the Exchequer to be paid and cancelled, so as the said Trustees Accounts to the Publick may not be stopt or delayed for Want thereof.

By Order of the Honourable Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, on Wednesday the 24th Instant, at Two in the Afternoon, will be exposed to Sale by Inch of Candle, in the Long Room in the Custom-House, London, a Parcel of Snuff, Coco-Nuts, Coco-Paste, Chocolate, Drugs, Grocery-Ware, Stain'd Callico, Linnen, Pictures, Prints, Paper, Sword-Blades, Iron-Ware, Guns, Logwood, Millenary-Ware, Silk-Grass, Skins, Silk Stockings, Oyl, decayed Wine Spirits, Hogshead Staves, (clear of all Duties) prohibited East India Goods, to be exported; and are to be seen at the King's Warehouse on Monday and Tuesday, the 22d and 23d Instant, from Eight to Twelve in the Forenoon, and from Two till Five in the Afternoon, and on Wednesday from Eight to Twelve in the Forenoon.

The Trustees appointed for putting in Execution an Act of Parliament passed in the Twelfth Year of Her late Majesty's Reign, do hereby give Notice, That they intend to meet at the Guildhall, London, on Tuesday next the 16th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, upon special Affairs.

Royal Exchange Assurance-Office, Oct. 13, 1722.

The Court of Directors of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company do hereby give Notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their Office on the Royal Exchange, London, on Wednesday the 17th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, in order to declare a Dividend.

The Committee for Letting the City's Lands in the Account of the Chamberlain of the City of London give Notice, That they intend to Lett by Lease, a Messuage or Tenement in Cheapside, the Corner of Gutter-lane, known by the Sign of the Leg, now in the Possession of Mr. Leonard Gibbons; Ten Messuages or Tenements, and Two half Room Tentors behind the same in Hog-lane in Finsbury, in the several Possessions of Thomas Corderoy, Joseph Bradley, George Townsend, Joseph Thorpe, —— Sheer, James Pickaver, Samuel Richards, Thomas Rice, Richard Benson, James Delme; and a Shop in Leadenhall-street under Leaden-hall, now used as a Spectacle-Shop, in the Possession of Elizabeth Burbin: And that the said Committee will sit in the Council-Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Wednesday the 17th of October Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, to receive Proposals for the said Premisses severally; of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Guildhall aforesaid.

Advertisements.

Weavers-Hall, London, Oct. 6, 1722.

THIS is to give Notice to all Persons concerned, That the Act of Parliament passed in the Seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, prohibiting the Wearing and Selling of Printed Callicoes, &c. under the several Penalties of 5 l. and 20 l. to be levied and recovered according to the Directions of the said Act, is absolutely to take Effect, and to be in full Force, from and immediately after the 25th of December next.

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THIS is to certify whom it may concern, That Jonathan Higginſon, Cheeſemonger, late of Artillery-lane without Biſhopſgate, London, being deceaſed, and his Widow having left off her Buſineſs; any one that hath any Pawns in her Hands, are deſired to fetch them out within two Months from the Date hereof, or they will be expoſed to Sale.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded againſt Mathew Greaves, late of Manchester, in the County of Lancaſter, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners on the 22d and 23d Inſtant, and on the 12th of November next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at John Hawkſwell's, being the Old Coffee-Houſe in Manchester aforeſaid; at the ſecond of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuſe Aſſignees.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt, ſince the Expiration of the late Act, hath been awarded againſt Gilbert Parker, late of the City of York, Mercer, and he having been thereupon declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners on the 27th and 29th Inſtant, and on the 12th of November next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London.

WHereas at a Meeting of the Commiſſioners named in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt againſt Robert Aſton, of London, Merchant, the Creditors of the ſaid Aſton choſe Mr. Anthony Steventon of Cornhill, Mr. John Boſworth of Coleman-ſtreet, and Mr. Richard Willſon of Fenchurch-ſtreet, new Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, in the Place and Stead of Mr. John Jenkins, who is removed from being Aſſignee: Therefore ſuch Perſons as are indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, or have any Effects of the ſaid Bankrupt's in their Hands, are not to pay ſuch Debts to the Aſſignee ſo removed, but to the ſaid new Aſſignees, or give Notice thereof to Mr. Woodcraft and Davis, Attornies at Law, in the Poultry, London.

THE Commiſſioners in the Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt John Cox and Edward Cleave, late of London, Goldſmiths and Bankers and Partners, intend to meet on the 26th Inſtant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to make a Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupts Eſtate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend, which will then certainly be made. And at the ſame Time and Place the four Mills at Bromley, in the County of Middleſex, in the Occupation of Mr. John Barton, late the Eſtate of the ſaid Cox and Cleave, Lett by Leaſe at 490 l. per Annum, are to be ſold before the ſaid Commiſſioners. Particulars thereof may be had at Mr. Dowſe's, an Attorney, in Newman's-Court, Cornhill.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Robert Peter, late of London, Mercer, intend to meet on the 31ſt of October Inſtant, at Ten in the Morning, at Guildhall, London; when and where ſuch of the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts and paid Contribution-Money, are then to come prepared to do the ſame.

WHereas the acting Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt William Dove, of the Town and County of Newcaſtle upon Tyne, Baker and Brewer, have certified to the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellour of Great-Britain, that the ſaid William Dove hath in all things conformed himſelf according to the Directions of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the ſaid Acts direct, unleſs Cauſe be ſhewn to the contrary on or before the 2d of November next.

WHereas the acting Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Thomas Biddle, of Thames-ſtreet, London, Fruiterer, have certified to the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellour of Great Britain, that the ſaid Thomas Biddle hath in all things conformed himſelf according to the Directions of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the ſaid Acts direct, unleſs Cauſe be ſhewn to the contrary on or before the 2d of November next.

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